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POTOSI, MISSOURI.

Scientists have discovered that the more muscle a man has the more "N-rays" he emits. Probably that is the reason that when pugilists quit the ring they become "stars."

Americans have no right to laugh at the uncouth and formidable names of Japanese and Russian people, places and ships, as long as we have a congressional delegate named Jonah Kuhlman Kalkanian.

A University of Missouri student recently saw 12 cords of wood in three days, thus establishing a record. This form of sport does not, however, promise to become popular in our colleges. It has already been ruined by professionalism.

The statue of Frederick the Great presented by Emperor William to the United States, is to be unveiled at Washington no later than next October. The reason for the delay has been that the site could not be made ready any sooner.

Klazi Dey, governor of Jerusalem and Palestine, has promised to come to the St. Louis world's fair, but says it will be inconvenient for him to bring his 31 wives. In this respect he will conform to the American custom. Our polygamists do not take their wives with them when they travel.

The London "Female" has done just as was prophesied, and changed its form and appeal. That is, though it still professes to be a woman's paper, it no longer differs from the ordinary daily. There is an added evidence that a woman's newspaper is a man's newspaper. A success in journalism cannot be made with an exclusive appeal to either sex.

With destructive prairie fires in Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Kansas, cold waves and blizzards in the northwest and thunder and lightning, rain and floods in portions of the east March is supplying the country with an experience which for picturesque variety rather surpasses most of its previous and remarkable achievements.

One of the interesting developments of the day is the increasing favor with which cremation of the dead is regarded. Statistics are not available to show the total number of cremations in the United States, but it is a fact beyond dispute that they are increasing and that the original feeling of repulsion against the method is quite rapidly wearing away.

Scientists announce the discovery that certain fish change their color like chameleons to harmonize with their environment. Careful thought will show that this is true. Take a sucker; in his native haunts he is green, but when he realizes that he has been taken in his hue changes to a deep cerulean. Lobsters, too, are green at first, red in the salad and dark brown the morning after. How wonderful is science!

The present Mrs. Leroy, of Owen county, Ky., was once a belle of the blue grass region, and it was a question whether or not she would ever retire to a purely domestic life. She married a stock breeder. This was early in 1893. Since then she has become the mother of five sons, the dates of whose births are as follows: January 15, 1900; January 15, 1901; January 15, 1902; January 15, 1903; January 15, 1904.

It is interesting and significant that Admiral Cui, the Japanese officer who won the victory at Chemulpo, is a graduate of the United States naval academy at Annapolis. He was in the class of 1881, and is only 41 years of age, though his advancement has been won by his merit alone. It is not so well known that his wife is a graduate of Vassar college. The pair furnishes a type of culture and progress in "New Japan."

It is pretty early to do any predicting as to the wheat harvest this year, but the speculators are already at it. They are circulating stories to the effect that blizzards and floods have destroyed the wheat crops in many western localities. Of course such stories can be taken with due allowance. They are circulated with more regard for the effect they will have on the wheat pit than as correct estimates of the actual situation.

The department of commerce and labor has prepared a commercial map of the world in which the United States is given first place. It is understood the map will be placed on view at the Louisiana Purchase exposition. Doubtless it will attract attention and arouse comment on the part of many foreign visitors, and it is not at all unlikely that it will be a revelation to a number of our own people. The United States is put in the first place commercially because it is entitled to that distinction. Foreigners may dislike this showing, but it is correct.

It is a saying among the Muscovites that January, February and March are three of the ablest Russian generals—the meaning being that ordinarily the weather in those months is such as to make it hopeless for an enemy to carry on operations against the Russians. The saying derives new force from the reports which show the severity of the winter in Manchuria, Siberia and Russia as a whole. The cold has been almost phenomenally intense, ranging 26 degrees below zero in Port Arthur and its vicinity, and being worse in other localities.

There is a ridiculous notion in the minds of many people and some newspapers that war is a source of prosperity. This is the same kind of logic which declares that a spendthrift is a good thing for a community "because he puts money in circulation." Waste is waste, and extravagance in one spot means a terrible drain in another. A Chinese proverb says that for every man who lives in idleness and luxury another man starves to death; and this is a terse way of putting a great economic truth. War is wasteful and cannot be a source of prosperity.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

Missouri will have plenty of fruit this year, according to Dr. J. C. Whittey, professor of horticulture in the University of Missouri.

The Missouri Historical society has completed arrangements for an exhibit of the society at the world's fair. It will comprise bound volumes of every newspaper published in Missouri.

Prof. F. E. Mumford, acting dean of the University of Missouri college of agriculture, does not think Missouri will have a large wheat crop this year. "From reports received," said Prof. Mumford, "the general impression of the farmers is that the conditions have not been favorable for a maximum wheat crop in 1904. The winter has been cold and the ground unprotected by snow."

In the opinion of A. L. Ellis, of Jefferson City, who is engaged in bringing land buyers to Missouri from other states, the immigration to this state in the past three or four years may furnish some political surprises this fall. Mr. Ellis thinks that more than 30,000 men who have moved into Missouri and who have not voted in this state will cast ballots at the coming election.

Attorney General E. C. Crow, who has been at Redlands, Cal., for several months to recuperate his health, has returned to St. Louis. Mr. Crow's health, which was partly undermined by his vigorous prosecution of the bootleg cases last year, is now fully restored and he expressed himself as feeling as strong as ever. He will soon proceed to make arrangements for trying the remaining bootleg cases.

At a mass meeting of Missouri university students at Columbia the "Student Building movement" was launched and subscriptions amounting to \$2,488 were received. Because of school duties fewer than 100 students were in attendance. The average subscription was nearly \$40. The proposed building is to cost \$100,000 and will be built by the Young Men's Christian association of the university.

The republicans of the Second congressional district held a convention at Brookfield, Forrest G. Harris, of Moberly, and Ed T. Daily, of Chillicothe, were elected delegates and G. D. Viles, of Norborne, and W. E. Flanders, of Paris, alternates to the national convention, all by acclamation. The committee decided to hold the congressional nominating convention at Paris, the date to be fixed by the chairman of the committee. John C. McKinley, of Unionville, was present, and, upon invitation, addressed the convention.

The prevalence of blackleg among the cattle of Missouri is arousing the apprehension of cattlemen all over the state. Although there have been no heavy losses from this disease, it has spread over a wide territory and there is scarcely a county in the state that has not suffered slight losses. Requests for blackleg vaccine have gone to the state board of agriculture from one-fourth the counties of the state and in the past month more than 1,000 doses have been sent out by the Missouri experiment station at Columbia. Experiments are being carried on and a bulletin on the subject will be issued in a few weeks.

More grass is sown in this section of the country during March and April than at any other period of the year. In view of this, the Missouri college of agriculture gave out this week some information as to methods of preparing the soil for grasses, based on recent experiments, which should be of timely importance. The first requisite in starting a permanent meadow is to have the land in good condition. The experiments show that if this is observed a meadow should last from four to six years, and yield an average of three or four tons of hay per acre each year.

A series of good roads meetings will soon be begun by the Missouri state board of agriculture. It is the purpose of these lectures to work up interest in the good roads movement in Missouri and through lectures by good roads experts to educate the farmers of the state in methods of road building. It is proposed to hold meetings in central and southeast Missouri and, if the interest developed in the work will warrant it, meetings may be in every county in the state. The meetings will be under the direction of D. Ward King, of Maitland, the discoverer and chief exponent of the system of dragging roads which has proved so successful. Mr. King's method of improving dirt roads is simplicity itself. With a drag made of a few pieces of rough timber he drags a road after every rain and while the road is still muddy. The drag levels down the road, fills up the holes, and makes it impervious to water. After a few draggings the road is level and hard and only a few hours of work after every rain is all that is necessary to keep the roads in the best of repair.

The republican state committee has been called to meet at Kansas City on Monday evening, March 21. The object of the meeting is to decide upon temporary officers for the state convention, which meets in Kansas City the following day. The committee will also decide on the places and times for holding the nominating and judicial conventions.

Frank Thilly, professor of philosophy at Missouri state university, was elected Stuart professor of psychology at the meeting of the trustees of Princeton university in place of Prof. A. Mark Baldwin, resigned.

The Reynolds county democratic convention at Centerville was quiet and orderly. Hawes spoke in the courthouse to 200 people. Vandiver spoke out in the street in front of a store on the store platform to 300 people. The vote was taken in the courthouse and resulted in 76 for Hawes and 250 for Folk.

Bart Waddington, a prominent farmer of Audrain county, living near Benton City, has been sued in the circuit court at Mexico for \$6,000 for alleged breach of promise, Mattie L. McCully, a widow of Mexico, being the plaintiff in the case.

SUNK IN BATTLE OFF PORT ARTHUR

One Japanese and One Russian Vessel Sent to the Bottom.

ALL ON BOARD WENT DOWN

Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyers and Torpedo Boats Made a Sortie From the Harbor and Attack the Japanese Fleet.

Murkden, Manchuria, March 12.—Admiral Markoff, commanding the Russian fleet, reports from Port Arthur as follows: "Six torpedo boats, which went to sea on the night of March 10, four of them being under the general command of Capt. Matzenzevich, encountered the enemy torpedo boats, followed by cruisers. A hot action ensued, in which the torpedo boat destroyer Vlastin, discharged a whitehead torpedo and sank one of the enemy torpedo boats. On the way back the torpedo boat destroyer Stereguschchi, commanded by Lieut. Sergueich, sustained damage, her engine being disabled, and she began to founder. At eight o'clock in the morning five of our torpedo boat destroyers had returned. When the critical position of the Stereguschchi became evident I hoisted my flag on the cruiser Novik, and went with the Novik and the cruiser Boyarin to the rescue. But as five of the enemy's cruisers surrounded our destroyer, and as their battleship squadron was approaching, I did not succeed in saving the Stereguschchi, which foundered. Part of the crew was made prisoners and part was drowned."

ST. PETERSBURG HEARS NEWS.

Complete Story Not Given Out Until After Midnight.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The complete story of the fierce fight off Port Arthur between the torpedo flotillas which occurred Wednesday, and



THE TOWN AND HARBOR, VLADIVOSTOK. Here is Located the Only Russian Drydock Capable of Accommodating Large Battleships; also Important Coaling Station.

the bombardment which followed on Thursday morning, was not given out here until after midnight.

Two official messages from Viceroy Alexieff had been received during the day and presented to the emperor, but the public remained in suspense. All sorts of rumors of the information contained in the dispatches were spread among the officials, but they did not have the texts, and were under the impression that Admiral Makaroff had directed the attack upon the enemy's fleet. When the texts appeared, it became evident that the collisions between the torpedo flotillas had occurred accidentally during the day and presented to the emperor, but the public remained in suspense. All sorts of rumors of the information contained in the dispatches were spread among the officials, but they did not have the texts, and were under the impression that Admiral Makaroff had directed the attack upon the enemy's fleet. 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